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### Subpart A—Stewardship Incentive Program

#### § 230.1 Purpose and scope.

(a) The regulations in this subpart govern the operation of the Stewardship Incentive Program as provided in section 6 of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act, as amended by title XII of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 2101, *et seq.*). This subpart sets forth the rules and procedures by which the Stewardship Incentive Program will be administered by the Forest Service to establish forest stewardship practices on nonindustrial private forest land.

(b) The cost-share assistance provided under the Stewardship Incentive Program shall complement rather than replace or duplicate the existing Agricultural Conservation Program and Forestry Incentives Program. Tree planting and improvement and other State priorities for program activities and practices funded under the Stewardship Incentive Program shall be designed to provide multiple resource benefits not available through other cost-share programs.

#### § 230.2 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the following terms shall mean:

*Act* means the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act as amended (16 U.S.C. 2101, *et seq.*).

*Assignee* means any person, corporation, government agency, or other legal entity to whom a landowner transfers legal rights to receive all or part of federal cost-share payments.

*Chief* means the Chief of the Forest Service.

*Committee* means the State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee established pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Act.

*Fiscal year* means the fiscal year of the United States Government which is October 1 through September 30.

*Landowner* means any private individual, group, association, corporation, Indian tribe or other native group, or other private legal entity, excluding corporations whose stocks are publicly traded or legal entities principally engaged in the production of wood products.

*Nonindustrial private forest land* means rural lands with existing tree cover or which are suitable for growing trees and owned by any landowner as defined in this subpart.

*Practice* means a stewardship activity or conservation measure consistent with the landowner plan to accomplish the landowner's desired management objectives.

*Program* means the Stewardship Incentive Program.

*Regional Forester* means the Forest Service official charged with the administration of a Region of the National Forest System as described in 36 CFR 200.2, except that with reference to the States covered by the Eastern Region, such term shall mean the Area Director for States and Private Forestry, Northeastern Area (36 CFR 200.2);

*Resource Management Professional* means any person who is recognized by the State Forester as having the knowledge and skills to develop landowner plans for managing the biological, economic, and environmental interrelationship of forest resources and to identify appropriate activities to manage, protect, or enhance forest resources including, but not limited to, an employee of a State forestry agency, other State resource agency, the